

# memorandum

DATE: January 30, 2006

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: 2006 Annual National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Planning Summary

TO: John Spitaleri Shaw, Assistant Secretary  
Environment, Safety and Health

Attached please find Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) 2006 annual NEPA planning summary. The summary identifies the status of BPA's ongoing environmental impact statements (EIS). It also identifies the EIS's we anticipate undertaking during the next 2 years.

BPA will also need to prepare additional EA's and EIS's not included in this summary. Under the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act, BPA invests about \$175 million annually in its Fish and Wildlife program. The Northwest Power and Conservation Council is currently reviewing projects proposed for the Fiscal Year 2007 through Fiscal Year 2009 rate period. As soon as we know which of these potential projects are recommended for consideration by BPA, we will be able to inform you about these additional EA's and EIS's.



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Attachment

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# Annual NEPA Planning Summary

## Status of Ongoing Environmental Impact Statements

Bonneville Power Administration

January 2006

Title and Location		Estimated Cost	Estimated Schedule	Description
Chief Joseph Fish Hatchery	\$400,000	Determination Date:		Fund a new chinook hatchery in the upper Columbia/Okanogan River basins/
		NOI:	08/01/05	
		Scoping:	09/01/05	
		Draft:	4/1/2006	
		Hearings:	5-Oct	
Salmon Creek Project Okanagon County, WA DOE/EIS-0345	\$500,000	Final:	6-Jun	Fund enhancement of fish habitat in lower Salmon Creek, an Okanagon River tributary.
		ROD:	7/1/2006	
		Determination Date:	01/22/02	
		NOI:	02/04/02	
		Scoping:	02/22/02	
South Fork Flathead Watershed, Westslope Cutthroat Trout Conservation Project Flathead County, MT DOE/EIS-0353	\$80,000	Draft:	09/03/04	Fund replacement of hybrid trout with genetically pure native trout.
		Hearings:	09/28/04	
		Final:	Oct-07	
		ROD:	Nov-07	
		Determination Date:	07/19/02	
Coyote Business Park Umatilla County, OR DOE/EIS-0371	\$5,000	NOI:	05/05/03	Lead agency BIA proposes to approve an industrial park planned by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. BPA is a cooperating agency lead would need to replace H-frame wood poles structures with steel poles to increase height of transmission line across site. E26between structures of a transmission line across the site.
		Scoping:	05/22/03	
		Draft:	06/18/04	
		Hearings:	07/12/04	
		Final:	Jul-05	
		ROD:	May-06	
		Determination Date:	9/10/2002	
		NOI:	1/9/2003	
		Scoping:	1/23/2003	
		Draft:	Jan-06	
		Hearings:	Jan-06	
		Final:	Sep-06	
		ROD:	Oct-06	

Libby - Troy Transmission Line Rebuild Project Lincoln County, MT	\$1,700,000	Determination Date:	Feb-05	Rebuild existing, degraded 115-kV transmission line.
		NOI:	Apr-05	
		Scoping:	Oct-05	
		Draft:	Jun-06	
		Hearings:	Jul-06	
		Final:	Jan-07	
Klondike III Wind Project Interconnection Sherman County, OR	\$400,000	ROD:	Apr-07	Construct 12-mile-long 230-kV transmission line and substation to facilitate interconnection of proposed 700-MW wind energy projects.
		Determination Date:	Feb-05	
		NOI:	Feb-05	
		Scoping:	03/05/05 - 12/5/2005	
		Draft:	Apr-06	
		Hearings:	May-06	
		Final:	Sep-06	
		ROD:	Oct-06	
Total				
\$3,085,000				
Evaluation of Site-Wide EIS: Not Applicable				

# **Annual NEPA Planning Summary** **Environmental Impact Statements Expected to be Prepared in the Next 24 Months**

## **Bonneville Power Administration**

*January 2006*

Title and Location	Estimated Cost	Estimated Schedule	Description
<b>On Hold</b> Olympic Peninsula Transmission System Reliability Thurston & Mason Counties, WA	\$700,000	Determination Date: Feb-05 NOI: Mar-05 Scoping: Apr-05 Draft: Dec-05 Hearings: Jan-06 Final: Aug-06 ROD: Sep-06	Construct new and/or upgrade existing transmission facilities serving the Olympic Peninsula, and/or facilitate distributed generation near area loads, and/or actively manage area loads.
<b>Reimbursible Cost</b> Port Angeles Juan de Fuca HVDC Transmission Project Victoria area British Columbia Canada to Port Angeles, Washington	\$250,000	Determination Date: Feb-05 NOI: Feb-05 Scoping: Mar-05 Draft: May-06 Hearings: May-06 Final: Dec-06 ROD: Jan-07	Olympic Converter, LP has requested interconnection with BPA's Port Angeles Substation. Involves approx. 22 miles of underwater 550 MW DC line from Vancouver Island to Port Angeles, approx. 1 mile in Port Angeles, approx. 5 miles in View Royal.
<b>Reimbursible Cost: BPA is cooperating agency. Forest Service is lead agency</b> Montanore Project, Lincoln County, Montana	\$20,000	Determination Date: Jan-05 NOI: Jul-05 Scoping: 8/16-18/2005 Draft: Hearings: Final: ROD:	Construct 12-mile-long 230-kV transmission line and substation to facilitate interconnection of proposed 700-MW wind energy projects.
Lyle Fish Passage Improvements Project Klickitat County, WA	\$500,000	Determination Date: Mar-06 NOI: May-06 Scoping: May-06 Draft: Dec-06 Hearings: Jan-07 Final: Jul-07 ROD: Aug-07	Construct new fish ladder and adult trap to bypass major falls on the lower Klickitat River. Area is very rich in cultural resources and is a traditional Tribal fishing site.



# Annual NEPA Planning Summary

## Status of Ongoing Environmental Assessments

Bonneville Power Administration

January 2006

Title and Location	Estimated Cost	Estimated Schedule				Description
		Determination Date:				
		Transmittal to State:				
		EA Approval:				
		FONSI:				
No new EAs are currently planned for 2006						
	Total \$0					

# **Annual NEPA Planning Summary** **Environmental Assessments Expected to be Prepared in the Next 12 Months**

Bonneville Power Administration  
*January 2006*

Title and Location	Estimated Cost	Estimated Schedule				Description
		Determination Date:				
		Transmittal to State:				
		EA Approval:				
No new EAs are currently planned for 2005		FONSI:				